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S. H. Johnson & Co, North & West Texas LAND AGENCY. Have for Sale: 640 acres fine farming land on Lake Creek, 10 mi. north of town at 2.25 per acre on easy terms. 1500 Acres about ten miles south of town on Paint Creek for 2.25 per acre, terms easy. 1392 Acres about ten miles West of town, fine agricultural lands—2.00 per acre. 1000 Acres west of south of county seat—prices and terms furnished on application. Besides this we have property in all parts of the county and are able to fit up any one desiring to invest in Haskell county real estate. We offer for sale nothing but perfect titles over which we have full control. 640 Acres 12 Mi. south of town \$2.00 per acre terms easy. 800 acres 10 Mi South west of town, or \$2000.00 easy terms. 605 acres 13 Mi North of Haskell reasonable price a terms. For Sale! 2000 acres at the junction of Pant and California Creeks. For Rent! 320 acres all fenced with 3 wire 80 acres subdivision, farm at the house fenced off, good house, two rooms and a good cistern, fine stone fence around yard and garden, 7 miles east of town—apply for terms. will render property and pay taxes for non-residents, adjust titles and furnish abstracts—Non-residents interest in ven particular attention. will redeem lands sold for taxes. will buy and sell lands and transfer property on commission in any of the Pan Handle counties.

Haskell City, TEXAS

Austin, Sept. 21, 1886. Mr. R. C. Lomax, Haskell Tex. Sir: Referring to your inquiry some time since regarding the condition of the account of A. D. Tucker as Collector of Haskell county, I beg now to state that the information furnished you from this office showing that Mr. Tucker was largely in arrears was incorrect. Mr. Tucker's accounts are settled in full, and were at the time, and the state owes him on that settlement, \$273.80. The mistake arose in this way. From a peculiar arrangement of the figures on the records here certain amounts of the tax rolls were included twice in the same charge, and besides the rolls of Haskell for 1884 were embraced in the rolls for 1885 and so charged while Mr. Tucker had given a separate receipt to Mr. M. F. Barber of Throckmorton county (to which Haskell was attached for 1885) for the rolls of Haskell for 1884 and was changed with that receipt also, I am glad to be able to say that every thing is perfect satisfactory to this office. Mr. Tucker has full statements which I trust will be satisfactory to all parties in the county interest. Respectfully, W. J. Swain,—Comptroller

Jail Delivery. Haskell was thrown into considerable excitement, on the 18 inst by one Milt Tharp who has a step-brother in jail under sentenced of three years in the penitentiary. Early in the morning just after sun rise and just as Deputy Sheriff Joe Tucker was carrying the prisoner's breakfast to him, he saw Tharp coming toward him on a horse. Mr. Tucker tried to get into the jail, but did not get the door open in time, so Tharp just rode up and threw his Winchester down on him, and made him open up the cells. He took the prisoner up behind him, on his horse and galloped off over the hill west of town. Mr. Tucker then ran up to town, and got a posse and gave chase. After running about five miles Tharp's horse gave out, and he made fight with his long range Winchester. The posse kept on the light for some time, at some distance, but knowing the marksman ship of Tharp, and the superiority of his gun, did not close in on him but dispatched Mr. Mathews to get long range gun, and ammunition. Mr. Mathews had not been gone long before Mr. J. L. Dewees arrived with his sharp rifle, and with four shots at about 400 yards brought the fugitive to terms. Tharp said he recognized the report of Dewees' gun, it would not do to fight any longer. The prisoners were brought back to town and jailed. Every body that could get a gun went to the assistance of the Sheriff. We are very much gratified at the prompt assistance the people rendered the Sheriff. This was quite a daring deed in Tharp, but it is nothing more than might have been expected of him, he is of a very daring disposition and, excellent shot and seems to have been very cool and deliberate in his plans and their execution.

Notice is hereby given that the county Commissioners court of Haskell county Texas will convene on the 15th day of December 1886, to consider bids for the leasing of the Haskell county school lands which is located in Hookley county Texas and includes four leagues of land, lease to be for ten years and to be paid annually in advance, but the court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. J. L. Jones Co. Clk. Com'rs. court H. C. T.

Destructive Fires. WINNIPEG, MAN., Oct. 7.—Terrible destructive forest fires have been raging in Northeast and Southwest Manitoba. Around Morden scores of settlers have lost all they possessed, including barns and live stock.

GEORGIA ELECTION. ATLANTA, GA., Oct. 7.—The state election passed off quietly yesterday without incident.

Democrats had a clean sweep over all. The following is the state ticket: Governor, John B. Gordon; Secretary of state, Nathan C. Barnett; comptroller, Gen. M. A. Wright; Treasurer, Robert H. Hardeman; Attorney-general, Clifford Anderson.

No Opposition. Atlanta Ga. Oct. 7.—There was no opposition to Gen. Gordon for governor and the Democratic candidates for state officers. The Knights of Labor candidates for the legislature have created some excitement, but the regular Democratic nominees are elected to the house and senate. A light vote was polled through out the state.

LAWLER'S MISSION. Washington Oct. 7.—Representative Frank Lawler of Chicago is in the city on a very comprehensive and important mission, which is no less than to prevent the oleomargarine act from going into effect November 1. Lawler has called upon Internal Revenue Commissioner Miller and made the point that congress in enacting the oleomargarine bill, failed to make an appropriation for carrying the provision into effect, and that all expenses entailed in collecting the tax, printing, stamps, etc., will be illegal. Commissioner Miller, notwithstanding Lawler's protest, will assume the responsibility of carrying out the enactment.

These fair parted lips betray; Dark eyes lend the cooling shadows, And the blue the golden day. Even as Desdemona's graces Inspiration gave the Moor, So their bright and winsome faces, Sweet as gentle, fair and pure, As by magic glid my story, With a strange and radiant glory, Which it could not know before. Ah! Thus may plying angels brighten o'er The weary story of my poor career; And ere its echoes reach the shining shore Make it more worthy for the saint to hear. Love at Second Sight. "How do you feel now, mother dear?" asked a tender young voice. "Is your head any better?" "No, Mabel. My head aches and aches, until I almost wish I could die. Lay your hand here." Mabel's cheek paled as her mother took her hand and pressed it against her temple. "Such fire would soon burn out life's flickering taper. She wet a cloth and bound it round the fevered head. As she did so the sick woman gave a sigh of relief. She opened her eyes and turned a grateful look upon the girl. "Do you know, Mabel," she said feebly, "I dreamed last night of the dear old home where we lived before your father died. You were a wee toddling baby then. It seems to me, if I could have some of the flowers that grew in the garden in front of the house, the very smell of them would cure me." Tears rushed to Mabel's eyes. They lived in the great crowded city, and they were poor. Mabel could not spare from her scanty hoard even the trifling sum for which she could buy a bunch of flowers from the vendors who were stationed at so many different places along the street. How could she get some of the fragrant flowers for her mother? Suddenly came a thought of an old-fashioned maid on a little way out of the city. It was embowered in a wilderness of bloom. Surely it would be no harm for her to go and ask for some flowers, they could not refuse them. She bent over the invalid and kissed her. "Mother," she said softly, "if you will be content to stay alone for a few hours I think I can gratify your longing, if not for the blossoms that grow about your old home for some just like them. I will ask Mrs. Gray to come in and give you your medicine regularly." Mrs. Gray was a kind-hearted woman who occupied a part of the house in which they lived, and she readily consented to minister to the invalid's comfort in any way she could during Mabel's absence. It was not without a tremor that Mabel at last found herself in a broad, green meadow, which led to the little cottage. A large mastiff sprang at her. "Explosion. Concerts in Music Hall. Saturday, November 6. Fair and Exposition. Concerts in Music Hall. Bicycle Races. Grand Cavalcade of all Stock that is in the State. Marriage in Mid-Air. Grand Race of Horses. Association of Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Poultry. Catalogue giving full details of Fair and Exposition. SIDNEY. Association has grounds adjacent to their teams without expense.

S. H. Johnson & Co. Haskell City Texas. "It's you sir. I came to ask you for flowers for my sick mother." "Pick all you want. The more the better. You are welcome to all you can carry." Just then Mabel heard a clear ringing voice shout: "Grandmother! and out of the cool, tiled hall, of which an enchanting glimpse was visible through the open door, came a youth who looked to her like some prince from a fairy land. She was not accustomed to the luxurious habits of the rich, and his dark blue velvet dressing gown, fastened by its cord of shimmering, woven gold and the richly embroidered smoking cap which rested on his curly hair seemed to her almost too gorgeous a toilet for a mortal like herself. But the illusion only lasted for a moment. A pair of brown eyes, just the color of a ripe chestnut, glanced at her curiously as their owner came down the walk. "You are just the one I want, Chauncey. Get my pushing-hair and a basket of the table in the lower hall, and bring them to me." Chauncey soon returned with the desired articles, and Mabel found her Continued in next issue. FACT AND FANCY. A railroad from Washington to Mount Vernon is on the tapis. A woman with whiskers ten inches long is a curiosity at Union Point, Ga. The first mention of free trade in print was a notice of its operation in Hungary in 1703. Stephen P. Nash, the referee in the famous Winans divorce case, has decided in favor of Mr. Winans. The Lehigh Valley Medical Association will hold its sixth annual meeting at Glen Summit, Pa., June 16. "Succotash valley" is the euphemous and appetizing name of a settlement near Tacoma, Washington territory. The convicts in the Wethersfield, Conn., penitentiary swallow a lot of tobacco juice whenever they wish to enjoy a rest in the hospital. The General Theological Seminary of New York, an Episcopal institution, holds a mortgage on Wallace's new theater as security for a loan of \$20,000. The iron bridge over the Mississippi river at Yazoo City, Miss., was begun in 1838, and has cost the town \$200,000. The bridge is 1,000 feet long.

GEON. From the house of a widow, a young man had just returned from a long absence. He was very much changed, and his mother, who had been very anxious about him, was glad to see him. He told her that he had been very successful in his business, and that he had made a great deal of money. His mother was very pleased, and she told him that she was glad to hear that he was so successful. He then told her that he had been very kind to a poor old woman, and that she had been very kind to him. His mother was very surprised, and she told him that she was glad to hear that he was so kind. He then told her that he had been very kind to a poor old woman, and that she had been very kind to him. His mother was very surprised, and she told him that she was glad to hear that he was so kind.

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Saturday, Oct 16 1886.

STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For governor, L. S. Ross. For lieutenant-governor, T. B. Wheeler. For attorney-general, James B. Hogg. For associate justice, Reuben B. Gains. For land commissioner, R. M. Hall. For comptroller, John D. McCall. For treasurer, Frank Lubbeck. For superintendent public instruction, O. H. Cooper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For District Judge. We are authorized to announce J. V. Cockrell as candidate for reelection to the office of district Judge.

For District Attorney. We are authorized to announce W. B. Houston as a candidate for the office of District Attorney 99th Judicial district.

For County Judge. We are authorized to announce W. G. Ballard as a candidate for the office of county judge of this county at the November Election, subject to the will of the people at the ballot box.

We are authorized to announce John Norris as a candidate for the office of county Judge.

We are authorized to announce C. J. Chapman as a candidate for the office of county Judge.

For District and County Clerk. We are authorized to announce J. L. Jones as a candidate for reelection to the office of County and Dist. Clerk.

We are authorized to announce C. D. Long as a candidate for the office of county and district Clerk.

We are authorized to announce S. J. Preston as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce E. J. Wilfong as a candidate for the office of sheriff and Tax collector.

We are authorized to announce A. D. Tucker as a candidate for reelection to office of sheriff and Tax collector.

T. M. Lewis is a candidate for the office of sheriff and tax collector of Haskell County.

We are authorized to announce W. F. Draper as a candidate for sheriff, and Tax collector at the ensuing election.

For Assessor. We are authorized to announce J. W. Evans as a candidate for Tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce W. M. Carter as a candidate for the office of Tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce W. J. Howell as a candidate for tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce W. H. Parsons, as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Haskell co. at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce D. F. Williamson as a candidate for tax assessor.

L. Casner submits himself as a candidate for reelection to the office of Tax Assessor.

We are authorized to announce G. W. Cook as a candidate for tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce W. R. Standifer as a candidate for tax assessor of Haskell county.

I submit myself as a candidate for the office of Tax assessor.—Leif Fitzgerald.

We are authorized to announce J. T. Boman as a candidate for the office of Tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce B. M. Kegans as a candidate for animal and bird inspector.

I submit myself as a candidate for the office of bird and animal inspector T. B. Cozzetti.

For County Surveyor. We are authorized to announce G. R. [Name] as a candidate for the office of [Title].

We are authorized to announce Wm. Harvey as a candidate for the office of [Title].

We are authorized to announce [Name] as a candidate for the office of [Title].

LOCAL DOTS

For sale: CHEAP! 200 Sheep, for terms apply at this office.

Court has adjourned and Haskell has resumed its normal condition.

The grand jury returned 13 bills, five misdemeanors and seven felonies.

We the Grand jury in and for Haskell county at the October term of the District court, beg leave to submit through our foreman and final report.

1st In pursuance of the charges given by the court, we have endeavored to do our whole duty.

2nd We have made a thorough and as near as practicable a complete investigation of every violation of law which has been brought before us and in all cases where we believed the evidence was sufficient to sustain conviction, we have found bills.

3rd We learn of instances where parties have gone before the county Judge and Justice of the peace, made affidavit to the effect that their lives were in danger and thereby obtained permission to carry concealed weapons.

4th We recommend that all such parties carrying concealed weapons by such authority be at once notified that they are in direct violation of law and that, if there after found carrying them under or by such authority they will be taken in charge by the proper officers and dealt with in accordance with the letter and intent of the law.

5th We recommend that the commissioners court be more careful in the matter of receiving bids for public work, to see that they are all written in ink and not liable to be changed after having been placed in their hands, to see that bonds accompanying them be rejected if not in due form of law and written with ink.

That they be careful in receiving bridges, which may have been put up in a feeble manner, as to be carried off by the first rise in the stream over which they are placed.

That any work to be received hereafter by said commissioners court, be examined thoroughly and carefully by the members of said court, and a competent architect. We would call attention of the county officers to the fact that there is too free and promiscuous a use of stray animals being indulged in by parties over the county.

6th We have made an examination of the county jail and find that it appears to have been kept by a careful jailor and that its sanitary condition is very good.

7th We suggest that you appoint a committee of three consisting of Messrs. G. McConnell, W. M. McDowell and S. H. Johnson to look into and make a thorough examination of the affairs of the county, to examine all the books of the county officers, especially the tax assessors rolls where property has been rendered at one price and carried out the total column at a larger price.

Also to the tax collectors rolls where parties have paid more than the law required of them.

And report the result of their investigation to the next term of the District court for Haskell county.

8th We thank the court and officers for courtesies extended, and ask to be finally discharged.

S. H. Johnson.

The weather has been pleasant the past week.

The general work of the cattle men is progressing in the eastern part of the county.

J. L. Scott was convicted of swindling and sentenced for two years in the penitentiary. He was ably defended by Messrs. Cockrell, Woodruff and Peckham.

He has one more case of same nature that has been transferred to the court.

ARTISTS' MODELS.

Swarthy Foreigners Who go to Paris to seek Their Fortune—A Grateful Painter.

The announcement that the "Models" of Paris will hereafter indulge in an annual ball like other recognized trades and professions reminds me, writes a correspondent of the New York Graph, that a few details regarding this curious class of people may not prove uninteresting.

In the first place, they are nearly all Italians, and may frequently be seen in the streets arrayed in the quaint national costumes which are no longer worn in their native land, but which serve to distinguish them and catch the eye of the artist. There are now so many of them that they sometimes find it difficult to obtain employment, but the price for a "sitting" still ranges from between \$1 to \$3. The trade of "model" is not such an easy one as might at first be supposed. It takes a long time to learn to "keep the pose."

Few physical feats are more difficult for the tyro than to hold the arm raised or the leg bent in the same position for two hours and over with only a few seconds' rest at intervals.

The models are most always associated in bands. The man with the heavy gray beard who poses for the heads of saints, warriors and historical subjects is the leader. He usually has under his control a number of children who have been entrusted to him by their parents in Italy, to whom he pays wages and whom he is obliged to send home at the end of a fixed time. He has entire charge of their movements and receives the compensation for their "sittings" from the artist. Nothing can be more peculiar than the habit of those who compose these swarming colonies of swarthy foreigners who come to Paris to seek their fortune. They live in the most sordid way, frequently in the neighborhood of the Jardin des Plantes, and generally take back with them almost intact at the end of a few years whatever they have been able to earn. They live in common with hundreds of Italian moulders, sidewalk merchants, pifferari, and dealers in small wares, who are also brought to Paris by some manager or leader.

It is interesting to note the contrast between the lives of the models in the studio and the wretched surroundings amid which they find themselves when the day's labor is ended. The princess of an hour ago, decked in the most costly robes, and who, on the canvass, is presiding over a brilliant fete, surrounded by a throng of courtiers and slaves, dines off a salad and retires for the night to some obscure corner of some dingy garret.

While it is not asserted that the female models always conform to the sternest code of morality, it would be a mistake to infer that they are without a standard of what to them is propriety and impropriety. Almost every one has heard of the model who had been posing for a nude figure, and consequently was in the costume of Eve before she took to fig leaves. Suddenly discovering that a man, who had been mending the roof, was watching her through a skylight she blushed deeply and, in great perturbation, hastily seized and donned whatever garments lay within reach.

The model, from the nature of his calling, often becomes the humble friend and confidant of his employer, the depository of the story of his aspirations and his struggles. He becomes interested in them, and frequently gives advice which is not always ridiculed. At the Ecole des Beaux Arts there are models who have served several generations of artists, and have interesting stories to tell of many who have since become celebrated. A certain painter, now rich and well known, owes his fortune largely to an old model, and has the good sense not to be ashamed of it.

In early days the model found him on one occasion plunged in the depths of sadness and discouragement.

"You are annoyed," he said.

"Yes."

"You have thought of a picture you are not able to paint?"

"Yes."

"Haven't money enough?"

"Yes."

The model then set to work in the most delicate manner possible to induce the artist to accept of his services gratuitously. This he finally succeeded in doing. But arms and draperies had still to be supplied.

The next day the model arrived with the necessary articles.

"I got them at a bargain," he said.

"You'll be able to pay me some day."

While working at his picture with the greatest industry and enthusiasm the artist almost suffered for the necessities of life. He was often hungry, and the old model invented the most ingenious pretenses for inducing him to share his breakfast. He encouraged and sustained him.

"Come," he would say when the eye and hand of the painter would grow weary, and he would be on the point of abandoning his work in despair, "it will soon be finished."

When the last stroke had been given it was the model who hung the picture framed. He said that a friend had sold the frame on credit, in reality he had used nearly all the savings of years in its purchase.

The painting, the result of so much

toll on the one hand and so much nobility on the other, was exhibited in the salon of 1873 and proved an immense success. It may readily be imagined that the artist took care to repay his humble friend for the advances made, but there are some sacrifices which money will not pay for. The model which insisted on continuing to follow his old trade in spite of the artist's offer to give him a sufficient yearly allowance for life, is to-day the always welcome guest in the latter's family and visitors at the house must be willing to place him on a footing of equality with themselves if they wish to insure their own welcome. In proof of this it is said that the artist recently refused a commission from an American millionaire because the latter had put some slight upon the faithful old friend.

It is scarcely necessary to add that all those who follow this curious calling are not such "models" of delicacy and devotion.

A Sense of Humor.

There is somewhere in George Eliot a remark to the effect that a disinclination to joke is a great strain upon affection, innumerable families might serve as melancholy instances of the truth of the observation. Many a marriage has come to an unhappy ending from the lack of a sense of humor to serve as a sort of lubricating oil to the wheels of daily life. There was a profound practical wisdom in the advice given by a shrewd and worldly wise old woman to her granddaughter on the latter's wedding day: "Feed your husband well and learn how to amuse him;" and it is safe to say that if the bride succeeded in filling these two injunctions her married life moved on with smoothness and happiness. Somebody has described humor as the sixth sense, and certainly the unfortunate mortal who lacks this is deprived of as large a part of the pleasure of life as a man who has lost one of the five which are reckoned the rightful inheritance of all humanity. It is true that a majority of mankind are more or less lacking in this respect, and that a genuine and delicate appreciation of humor is rarer even than a musical ear; yet it is fortunately true that in most of us exist the rudiments which may be cultivated into a very respectable capability of enjoying the ludicrous. Only one man in a thousand can compass a philosophical superiority which shall enable him to regard the accidents of life with undisturbed equanimity; but if one can cultivate the habit of discovering in all things a subject for laughter or for smiles, there are a few lots which may not be very comfortably endured. Upon him who persistently smiles at fate, she is very apt to bestow the opportunity of smiling with her. The sense of humor, moreover, serves as a common meeting ground for nature which without it must forever remain separate. It is the passport to a secret brotherhood in which the good fellowship is perfect. Those who possess it are never strangers after occasion has brought a recognition of this powerful bond of sympathy. No matter how diverse the tastes, the circumstances, the ambitions, the sixth sense makes of one race all who are endowed with it, and the fact that the exquisite delight they enjoy must forever remain a mystery to ordinary mortals increases the strength of the bond that unites them. A comforter in sorrow and misfortune, a lightener of life's burdens, a quality that heightens joy and lightens misery, there are few human qualities so well worth cultivation as a sense of humor; and there is no other which does so much to render its possessor pleasant to live with or so much aids him to avoid the sharp corners and ungracious characteristics of his fellow mortals who go through life endowed with but five senses.—Boston Courier.

A Connecticut Gypsy King. One of the most singular men in the state of Connecticut, writes a New Haven correspondent of *The New York Herald*, is Prince Williams, the celebrated gypsy king, who is now taking to the road again, after spending the winter at his residence on Whalley avenue in this city. He is a veritable prince among the gypsies, and he is said to be immensely wealthy. His usual headquarters are in Boston, but last winter he passed here, where he has a large barn, with about twenty horses, more or less valuable. He is about 50 years of age, and he is a tall, strong, swarthy man, with an eye like a lighted cigar. He has a beautifully ornamented wagon, in which he lives on the road. It cost nearly \$1,200, and is a marvel of gilt and mirrors. He is worth from \$100,000 to \$150,000, and when on his trips takes with him his entire family, consisting of seventeen children and twenty-six grandchildren. He owns large and well-cultivated farms in East Hartford, and also in Hlastonbury, and has one of over four hundred acres about ten miles out of Boston, Mass. It is said that he is absolutely invincible in a horse trade, and that no native-born Yankee has ever brought him into camp in the sale or exchange of horses.

The jack rabbits are dying off all through Inyo county, California, by the hundreds. Their bodies are found lying alongside of roads and trails, and all through the sagebrush, and over such an extent of country as to preclude the idea that they had succumbed to some poison administered by man.

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Double Mountain Texas

PERSONS AND THINGS.

MILLONNAIRE WALTERS, of Baltimore, has just paid \$2,500 for an orchid.

Mr. CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER will read a paper at the national prison congress at Atlanta in November.

The czar of Russia adds an abnormal fear of hydrophobia to all the dangers, real and imaginary, which surround his royal path.

SENATOR EDMUND'S check for \$50, accompanied by a very sympathetic letter, has been received by the Charles-ton relief committee.

HENRY M. STANLEY is expected to attend the meetings of the congress for the promotion of transoceanic interests to be held in Berlin.

LEWIS LAWRENCE who recently died in Utica, N. Y., at the age of 79, spent about \$75,000 in trying to establish The Utica Republican, a Conkling organ.

Mr. LOUIS VOSSON, consul of France at the port of Philadelphia, has arranged to translate and produce in France Henry George's book entitled "Protection or Free Trade."

Mrs. HENRY JONES, of Bridgeport, Conn., a lady 82 years of age, is the only surviving child of Noah Webster. She is said to be a bright and interesting woman, with her mind still perfectly clear.

ANTHONY J. DREXEL, Jr., son of A. J. Drexel, the Philadelphia millionaire, was married Tuesday to Miss Margarita Armstrong, formerly one of the fairest belles of Baltimore, but now of Philadelphia.

CANON LIDSON'S health appears to be quite restored. He has lately preached at St. Paul's on nine successive Sundays without feeling any ill effects. His biography of Dr. Pusey is still in a most fragmentary state.

Mr. BROWNING has been compelled to go to law to make the Austrian who sold him a Venetian palace stick to his bargain. His son, Robert Barrett Browning, is painting for the ceiling a scene out of Shelley's "Revolt of Islam."

LIEUT. HENN, of the Galatea, is the descendant of an old Irish family. Two centuries ago the name was spelled Hone. Lieut. Henn is the grandson of the famous Irish barrister who defended O'Connell in 1843 and prosecuted John Mitchell in 1848.

MARIA HENRIETTA, queen of the Belgians, received a letter from the unfortunate ex-empress Carlotta, a few days ago, asking her to come and see her as soon as possible. The queen had her ponies hitched to the caiche which she always drives herself, and set out at a gallop. Overtaken by a storm her majesty took refuge in a barrack. Being mess hour the officers set about improvising the best dinner they could for their august visitor, but the queen refused, saying: "A newly arrived recruit should be content with ordinary fare." And she sat down at the common table and ate a plate of cabbage soup and "picked" a pig's foot.

PROF. WYMAN, the distinguished anatomist, used to tell a story that illustrates the fallibility of human evidence. One day a clergyman brought to him a live young blacksnake which he said a parishioner of his, a gentleman of unimpeachable veracity, had ejected from his stomach. The clergyman grew very indignant when Prof. Wyman doubted the possibility of this, saying that his parishioner was absolutely sure that the reptile had been living in his stomach for years. To settle the matter, therefore, Prof. Wyman cut open the stomach of the snake and turned out of it a number of grasshoppers, beetles, and grubs. "It seems," he said to the clergyman, "that your parishioner has a liking for a peculiar kind of diet."

THE other day his excellency Tcheou-Meou-Ki, director of the Chinese Mission of Public Instruction, paid a visit, with the mandarins attached to his person, to M. Chevreul in Paris. He handed to the illustrious chemist a Chinese document expressing in odd characters every wish for his happiness and long life. It appears that there is living at this moment in China a Chinese savant who at the age of 100 years has just passed his examinations and been admitted a member of the highest academy of the mandarins. The interpreter explained to M. Chevreul that his Chinese visitors considered the fact that two savants 100 years of age were living, one in France and the other in China, was a link connecting the learning of the two countries.

Five hundred bushels of seed wheat, was let out to the farmers of Clay county, on time, at Henrietta on the 29.

D. H. Melton, a young man about 28 years of age, has been arrested on the charge of assassinating Capt. Mike Homaney, of Houston.

CHICAGO'S LAST STRIKE.

The Employees of Chicago's Big Packing Houses Refuse to Return to the Ten-Hour System.

An Attack Is Made Upon the Employees of One Factory and Several Men Are Injured.

FIGHTING THE RETURN TO TEN HOURS. CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—The 15,000 employees of the twenty-one packing houses at the stock yards have almost unanimously resolved not to return to the packing district Monday. The question as to whether the hog men will allow the beef men to work in any of the packing houses, should they be being discussed. The prevailing impression is that the locked-out men will not allow anybody to work in any of the packing houses. Should they conclude to prevent the beef men from working, about 20,000 men will be thrown out of employment.

A WALK-OUT. The great strike of the employees of the Chicago packing houses against the proposition to return to the ten hour system of work began yesterday morning. A committee of 1500 men waited on the foreman of the works and demanded that the notices be taken down. This was refused, and the men at once left the buildings and were joined by 800 men employed in the the Silberhorn works. Thus reinforced, the large force went in a body to the Armour works to induce the men there to quit work. There is great excitement at the yards, but no trouble has yet occurred.

A RIOT. CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 9.—The crowd of strikers failed to induce the Armour employes and the Anglo-American workmen to stop work and departed without attempting anything compulsory. This afternoon a large body of additional workmen went on a strike and a riot occurred at the works of John Morrill, whose a number of persons were hurt. The entire police force of the Town of Lake has gone to the scene. Two of Pinkerton's men, armed with rifles, have gone to the scene. GUARDED BY PINKERTON'S MEN. Affairs became more quiet after the arrival of the police. It was found that some of Morrill's employes were injured by the attack made upon them, but none seriously. The 300 Pinkerton men are guarding the houses to-night. The representative of the Silberhorn packing house declared that New York and other eastern buyers were sending their orders to Kansas City, which necessitated the change to ten hours. Armour & Co. posted a notice to-night notifying their men to come and receive their pay to-morrow. It is deemed positive that they shall keep closed doors for a short time at least.

Wife-Murder and Suicide. ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 9.—A special report of the frightful murder of Rachel White, and the subsequent suicide of the murderer. For some time the couple have been apart, the husband accusing the wife of infidelity. Three weeks ago the husband attempted suicide owing to his unhappy relations, and several days ago the pair met on the streets, when the husband taxed the wife with her conduct and gave her a severe personal chastisement, and on a later occasion shot at and missed her. He then made overtures for reconciliation, and persuaded her to walk into the woods with him, where they might talk over the matter. The woman not returning to her home search was instituted, when her dead body was found by a dog, fairly riddled with bullets. Near by was found the body of her husband suspended from a tree.

Beer to Be Delivered at Private Houses in Atlanta, Ga. ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 9.—Last night the city council passed a resolution permitting the breweries to deliver beer at private houses. The vote was 10 for beer and 6 against. This is the first decided weakening on the part of the city authorities in the enforcement of the prohibition law. The prohibition leaders are highly wrought up over this practical re-establishment of the liquor traffic.

Shocking Summerville. SUMMERVILLE, S. C., Oct. 9.—Summerville was again shaken up last night. Several distinct shocks were felt which, however, resulted in no damage to property.

Richard Laycock, a well-to-do young man of Galveston, was found dead floating in the bay on the 6th. The inquest developed the fact that he had been murdered and thrown in the bay. Superintendent Baker and his clerks are very busy compiling the scholastic reports for the year ending August 31, 1886.

The rate of taxation for county purposes varies greatly throughout the State, ranging from 15 cents for all purposes to 65 cents.

ASKED TO RESIGN.

All on Account of a Decision in a Habeas Corpus Trial.

CANTON, Oct. 15.—A petition signed by about 800 citizens has been forwarded to Judge Felix J. McCord requesting his resignation as district judge for the following reasons:

First—Because petitioners feel that the killing of Alexander Board, at Wills Point, on the 27th day of June, was a cold-blooded, unprovoked murder.

Second—That your honor's judgment in admitting the parties to bail is, virtually, a release for them, and will have a tendency to encourage, rather than suppress, crime.

Therefore, believing that the laws of our State have been disregarded, and public sentiment and public decency and justice have been outraged by your action in the matter, we would respectfully request that you resign the office of district judge of this district.

The cause of the killing of Board was slanderous talk in which he is said to have indulged concerning a sister of Will Peace. John and James McKee and Will and Ennis Peace all met Board in Wills Point and a row ensued over the affair, in which Board met his death. The justice of the peace refused John and James McKee and Will Peace bail and fixed Ennis Peace's bond at \$10,000. An appeal was taken by defendants, who were released by Judge McCord on \$4000 bonds each, except Ennis Peace, whose bond was fixed at \$2000.

FROM ROCKWALL.

Trouble Between the Hands and Contractors on the Dallas & Greenville Road.

Special to the Herald. ROCKWALL, Tex., Oct. 15.—Construction trains are running on the Dallas & Greenville railroad to Royce, in this county.

The grading on the eighteenth mile is not completed, and the graders refuse to work or allow others to do so until their August and September wages are paid. How long this trouble will continue is a matter of mere conjecture. The delay in reaching Rockwall is causing great inconvenience and loss to contractors here, who are depending on the road to furnish them building material.

FRACTURED FELICITY.

The First Wife of a Much-Married Man Hunts Him Down.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 7.—Joseph H. Duering, a good looking young man from Baltimore, was arrested to-day in Westminster, Md., for having more wives than the law allows. Several years ago he married a Baltimore girl, and a couple of months since he wedded Mary Aabaugh, a fresh and pretty country maiden. To Mary he was known by the name of Allen, which name he assumed when she married him. His Baltimore wife did not know his whereabouts until recently. Then, accompanied by a friend, the deserted wife visited the country home of the newly married pair and broke up the conjugal felicity of Mr. Allen, alias Duering. The second wife was greatly distressed when she learned how she had been duped.

A LOST ROSE.

Handsome Young Lady Disappears.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 15.—Considerable excitement was created here yesterday by the announcement of Miss Rose Elliott's mysterious disappearance from her aunt's, Mrs. Cothrell's, 1238 Jefferson street. She left on last Friday, but the matter has been kept quiet with the hope that it was merely a romantic affair and the young lady would return in due time. Her parents have been telegraphed to know if she had returned home and they replied in the negative. The opinion is obtaining that she has been foully dealt with.

CREAM OF THE NEWS.

Burglars did a thriving business at Gilmer last Saturday night.

Tom Green county has 231,462 head of cattle, 220,271 sheep and 10,778 horses and mules.

Secretary Endicott Will Probably Resign.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—There has been an underground rumor for several days to the effect that Secretary Endicott is to resign. The occurrence is to take place, if at all, within the next sixty days. The position is not in keeping with his tastes, and he is not interested in it. The president is understood to be averse to his resignation, and is endeavoring to persuade him to remain until the expiration of his term.

The Misanthropist.

He lived like a hermit, crab-like in his gilded shell of a mansion, and said he was a misanthropist. He devoted his entire time to gloomy forebodings and was never so happy as when drawing gruesome comparisons between the times that were and the times that are. He would pinch a cent, deprive himself of the common necessities of life and preach sermons on the subject of economy to the veriest beggar who applied at his area door for food. Across the way lived a little widow whose sole delight in life was to bring up her only child—a sweet little girl—as a sunbeam. The misanthropist detested the child, her glow and warmth, her red cheeks, round limbs. Her merry laughter was saw-teeth to his ears; and her appearance of a bright summer morn when the sun shone brightest, when the birds sang sweetest and when the sky was bluest, was an eye sore to him as he drew his dingy curtains apart and looked forth from his cheerless room upon the loveliness of nature in her gayest robes.

Some men begrudge human kin the light of supreme bliss because the song, the light and gaiety are choked out of their natures by the weeds of misanthropy. This was the sort of a man my hermit-like Crab was. He hated to see a single human being enjoy life, because he had tasted of the sour. The cup may have been of his own brewing; the misanthropist's generally is.

Day after day the gloomy man sat in his dull room, brooding on days gone away back into the dusty, musty past. Day after day he conjured black nights of woe and shadows of despair as he chewed the cud of discontent and advertised himself to the world as a hater of mankind, a genuine specimen of the real misanthropist and—

A grand transformation scene has taken place. The misanthropist has gone away. He is here, yet not here. From the windows the cobwebs have been dusted. The green grass has been cleared away from the area steps and the milkman flirts with the rosy-checked waiting maid through the bars of the gate.

The little widow lives in the grand mansion; the owner of the mansion is daily trying to win the widow's lassie to call him "papa" and another misanthropist's frail structure goes to smash; and another mystery remains unsolved.—Detroit Free Press.

Stanzas.

Less merciless the Furies were, Pursuing Clytemnestra's son, Than the surpassing face of her Whom I must shun. But why do I complain! It is No more than just the rest of life Should be unceasing misery, Unceasing strife. Did I not kiss thee once! Did I Not feel the rapture of thy lips! The grief of an eternity That doth eclipse. Whatever woe my lot may fall I can afford to bravely bear. That kiss doth more than balance all, With heavens to spare. —Franklin E. Denton, in the Current.

Tramps as Scarecrows.

"I was up in Dakota myself," remarked a passenger, "and I saw how easily some of these tramps make a living, for I suppose they call it a living when they get a drink of whisky and something to eat thrown in. The tramps were thick and had been for some time. They would hang around a small town and bother the people almost to death. It is really dangerous to have so many of these vagabonds about. But they won't work, they tell me, and the result is that it is pretty difficult to get rid of them. "Up in a little town the name I can't recall—I happened to be waiting from one train until another. There was nothing to do, so I went into a saloon to get some beer. While there drinking some of these tramps came in and ordered three drinks of whisky. "Have you got any stuff?" said the saloonkeeper. "Course," replied one of the thirsty trio, "we're playing the 'crow' act, we is." "Where?" asked the man behind the bar. "The spokesman named the farm at which he was employed, showing an order, and the three men got their drinks and departed. When they went out I asked what was meant by the 'crow act,' when he told me that some of the farmers got the tramps to take the part of a scarecrow in the wheat-fields and keep the birds away. The tramps took turns, he said, in standing up on a platform high above the wheat and occasionally would throw a rock at a flock of birds. As there was no work about it the tramps took to it. It paid them very little, usually two or three drinks and a bite to eat, but even this they considered living, as long as they did not have to work for it."—St. Paul Globe.

A Look Ahead.

New cashier—"I should like to have an agreement with you to the effect that I shall have a week's notice in case I don't suit." Bank president—"That is easily fixed if you will agree to give us a week's notice before leaving." New cashier (thoughtfully)—"Well, let it go."—Omaha World.

INFLUENCE OF HEREDITY.

That there is in each department of life a tendency to reproduce its own marked peculiarities is well known. There is scarcely an intelligent farmer who does not believe the axiom that "like begets like," immediately or remotely. In the animals they rear for money, or for that pleasure which is only another form of profit, breeders see constantly the evidence of the power of that law. Even in the seeming failures that have led the disappointed to declare that breeding is a lottery, wiser ones see the operation of hereditary influences. By skillful management these influences have been made to do much to add to the creature comfort of man; but, because of a general neglect of the aid they offer, they have done very little directly for the elevation of man himself. By his skill of mating animals having desirable characteristics, man has developed the obese porker of to-day from the gaunt and grizzly wild boar. The lank, flat-ribbed wild ox of vast horns and viciousness has been changed into the substantial bullock of juicy roasts and much docility. The shaggy pony of the desert, the hardy courser of the plains have been molded by man's artificial use of nature's forces into the spirited flying racer, the sturdy hack, and the massive draft horse of surpassing strength and gentleness. In mating birds the breeder's art has produced results wonderful in the variety of form and size and color they display. Many of the established breeds of the age exhibit no trace of their origin.

No man can show the limit of the changes the breeder can make by directing the mating of animals under his control. But his power does not end with the mating, for, while the influence of heredity does much to form and to govern the development and action of the animal, that development and action will be greatly modified by the conditions surrounding the animal. Breeding, which is another name for hereditary influence, may give to the ox a tendency to grow big, and fat, and gentle. With abundant food and water he will become the embodiment of lordly ease and prosperous content; but turn away the well-bred calf to "rustle" for himself upon bleak hills or sparsely-grassed plains and he will become a tough, skinny and loose-jointed beast, having vast capacity for consuming food and making little return therefor. Send the corpulent and lazy porker of high degree from his well-fitted trough, give to him the joys of freedom and the choice between starvation and working for his subsistence, and he will ere long be as gaunt and fierce as were his distant progenitors. Yet the animal having in his veins good blood retains the power and the disposition to respond, far more satisfactorily than the ill-bred can, to good treatment.

The life of every child is a stream made up of converging currents of hereditary influences. They come almost of necessity where so many races mingle as in America, from many different sources. Some may be turbid from dirt, torn from the soil of base passions to cloud the new current; some may become polluted by long turnings in the swamps of sin, and shame, and crime, to poison all with which they mingle; and others may be pure, sparkling streams flowing brightly through the world, making fertile every field through which they pass, refreshing with their own pure life every drooping plant they touch by the way, sweetening and beautifying every scene in which they appear. Whence these streams come and what they are few have cared to inquire in time and with purpose to prevent the mingling of the impure in the new currents to be created. The fancy of the mother that is to be caught by the face and form of some playmate, and, if so much of his uniformed character as appears to view will satisfy the easy requirements of the Mrs. Grundy of her set, he is accepted, and they marry. Neither has asked whether the blood in the veins of the other is that of beggars, of saints, of scoundrels. Neither has given a thought to the influence their mating will have upon the world; neither has questioned whether the inherent tendencies they bring together will give to the world demons or angels. Parents do little better in this respect than they do for themselves. Almost the only question asked about the man is, "Has he any money?" If he have enough they are content. If the masses not even so much as that is demanded. The young are allowed to follow the fleeting fancy of the moment, without a single restraining thought of the tremendous importance to the human race of the contract they make. How shall they be expected to consider the effect of influences of the existence of which they have never been told? Carefully prepared, beautifully illustrated, and expensive books and periodicals are published in great number to teach the breeder how to turn to account the forces of heredity; but little or nothing is said or done to teach the world how to apply the same great forces to the elevation of humanity, physically, intellectually or morally. Many are the physical, mental and moral weaknesses and diseases resulting from or perpetuated by ignorance or disregard of the laws of hereditary influence. Is it greatly to the honor of this age that man studies more thoroughly the breeding and character of the animals he proposes coupling than those of the persons whom the unguided fancy of his children lead them to wed? Breeders so manage their stock as to avoid reproducing defects, and to secure desirable "points." They assert that the skillful breeder can, in a few generations, develop almost any desired type of animal. Shall principles so long and successfully applied to the improvement of the lower animals remain unused for the development of their master? Shall not at least as much be done for the improvement of mankind by the study, development, and application of the laws of heredity to that purpose as has been done by their aid for the improvement of the

beasts of the field? Is man less worth the effort than they?

Most parents love their children dearly, and intensely desire their advancement in all that is good. Herefore the world has been content to accept children as chance or unguided impulse created them—often sadly handicapped by inherent tendencies which they could not successfully resist, and then to surround those children by such favorable conditions, educational or other, as were within the means of the parents. Teach the world the truth about heredity and it will quickly apply this great power for the production of men and women superior to those of to-day, and in due time will demand that the same laws shall be observed to prevent the perpetuation of the evil classes. Hereditary influences will yet become the study of, and their proper application the great aim of man. The momentous truths have long been unheeded by most races, but they should be proclaimed to the world until they shall have electrified and aroused all mankind, and the rapid march of progress shall have been everywhere begun. By making universal the knowledge of the operation of these powerful influences that control to a very great extent the life of every living, much will be done. By inducing general observance of the laws of heredity what may not be accomplished? The physical powers may be so strengthened and developed that sickness, deformity and insanity will be as rare as they are now common. The moral character may be so purified and fortified that temptation will no longer tempt, and the tide of dishonesty that threatens to overwhelm the nations will be turned aside harmless. The mental powers may develop until each succeeding generation be composed of intellectual giants, towering high above those from whom they shall have sprung. Then artists with brush, or pen, or chisel, or a sound will be truth born, not made—born with talents so enlarged and intensified that they shall discern beauty and truth more clearly than they were ever before seen, and shall interpret them aright to the world. Since civilized man was a savage brute, thousands of generations ago, he has made but sorry progress in the march of improvement. Through natural selection that was not favored from chance he has gained more than by conscious design. All this weary time he has been climbing up two steps and been slipping back one. Frequently he has apparently lost suddenly, by the introduction of destructive blood elements, all he has gained by fortuitous circumstances.

Is not the teaching of truths so pre-inant with the good of the highest kind a mission worthy of the noblest mind? Can a life be devoted to a more beneficent cause than that of showing man so to use his natural force as his command that he will quickly elevate all to a degree of culture now unknown an even unimagined? Is it not better that a man be born aright at first than that he be born again? Is there not in the truths a gospel which, if studied earnestly and urged as zealously as the grand truths taught by Christ have been studied and urged, will at least hasten greatly the regeneration of mankind?—E. W. Perry, in the Current.

It Is Girl Nature.

Now the propensity for wading which is deeply implanted in the female bosom is inexplicable. Unless a girl has the influenza or a bunion she can not resist the temptation to paddle about in the salt water and get her clothing unaccountably wet. This is a subject full of interest to me from the casting aside of the shoes and stockings in their resumption. It is a fact pretty generally known in male circles that ladies prefer sitting on the ground when pulling on and off their stockings to occupying a chair or bench. But having my doubts as to the inflexibility of this rule I had determined to convince myself by experiment. After the setting of my traps—to wit: the benches—I had not long to wait. A bevy of young ladies, one or two of whom I recognized, came trooping down the beach, chatting and laughing merrily. They evidently wondered who had been kind enough to place the benches there for their accommodation, took possession of them at once gleefully, confessed that they were just too delightful for anything, and seemed perfectly and unreservedly happy. I was rejoiced at having disproved a moldy theory, but alas, my satisfaction was short-lived. When my guests made up their minds that it was time to wade they sprang from the benches, sat on the beach, and tugged away at shoes and stockings in the old-fashioned way. The following day, resolving to give my experiment every chance, I had my hired bathman screw a quantity of broken bottles, empty oyster cans, and rubbish of various kinds along the beach and sat under my umbrella and watched. The girls came down about the same hour, seemed a little dismayed at first, but rallying set to work industriously, and soon had a clear space upon which they squatted, not taking the least notice of the benches this time. Then I put up my umbrella and moved slyly away. Eye must have sat her fair form down in the garden mold of Eden adjusting her first garment from the historic fig-tree, and left the habit as an inheritance to her daughters for all time.—Santa Barbara (Cal.) Letter.

A Serious Mistake.

Minister (to tailor)—"You have cut the vest wrong, Mr. Misfit. I wanted it to button close about the neck. This is the style that any gentleman wears." Mr. Misfit—"Yes; it's my mistake. You wanted a minister's vest, and I've gone and cut a gentleman's vest. But I guess I can fix it."—New York Sun. Carl Pretzel's Philosophy. Virtue was always ready to go to a party. You always saw her with her Sunday dress on. Tide don't get any time to wait on deaf female vimmins. Every fellow dot dislays some abundance of sheels he has a personal bleach.—Carl Pretzel's Philosophy.

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STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Governor, L. S. Ross.
For Lieutenant-governor, T. B. Wheeler
For attorney-general, James S. Hogg.
For associate justice, Reuben R. Gains.
For land commissioner, R. M. Hall.
For comptroller, John D. McCall.
For treasurer, Frank Lubbeck.
For superintendent public instruction, O. H. Cooper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For District Judge.
We are authorized to announce J. V. Cookrell as a candidate for reelection to the office of district judge.

For District Attorney.
We are authorized to announce W. B. Houston as a candidate for the office of District Attorney 35th Judicial district.

For County Judge.
We are authorized to announce W. G. Ballard as a candidate for the office of county judge of this county at the November Election, subject to the will of the people at the ballot box.

We are authorized to announce John Norris as a candidate for the office of county judge.

We are authorized to announce C. J. Chapman as a candidate for the office of county judge.

For County Attorney.
H. E. Jones.
Oscar Martin.

For District and County Clerk.
V. V. are authorized to announce J. L. Jones as a candidate for reelection to the office of County and Dist. Clerk.

We are authorized to announce C. D. Long as a candidate for the office of county and district clerk.

We are authorized to announce S. J. Preston as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce E. J. Wilfong as a candidate for the office of sheriff and tax collector.

We are authorized to announce A. D. Tucker as a candidate for reelection to office of sheriff and tax collector.

T. M. Lewis is a candidate for the office of sheriff and tax collector of Haskell County.

We are authorized to announce W. F. Draper as a candidate for sheriff, and Tax collector at the ensuing election.

For Assessor.
We are authorized to announce J. W. Evans as a candidate for Tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce W. M. Carter as a candidate for the office of Tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce W. J. Sowell as a candidate for tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce W. H. Parsons as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Haskell Co. at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce D. F. Williamson as a candidate for tax assessor.

L. Casner submits himself as a candidate for reelection to the office of Tax Assessor.

We are authorized to announce G. W. Cook as a candidate for tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce W. S. Standifer as a candidate for tax assessor of Haskell county.

I submit myself as a candidate for the office of tax assessor. - Lee Fitzgerald.

We are authorized to announce J. T. Boman as a candidate for the office of tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce B. M. Kegans as a candidate for animal and hide inspector.

I submit myself as a candidate for the office of Hide and Animal Inspector T. B. Grossett

For County Surveyor.
We are authorized to announce G. B. Couch as a candidate for the office of County Surveyor.

I hereby submit myself as a candidate for the office of county surveyor of Haskell county. - Respectfully, J. A. Fisher

Wm. Marty is a candidate for reelection to the office of county commissioner for precinct No. One.

I hereby submit myself as a candidate for the office of county commissioner for precinct No. one.
L. B. Agney

We are authorized to announce W. A. Walker as a candidate for the office of county commissioner, precinct No. one and Justice of the peace Prec. No. one.

We are authorized to announce M. V. Callum as a candidate for commissioner Prec. No. one, and Justice of the peace Prec. No. one.

LOCAL DOTS

For sale; CHEAP! 260 Sheep, for terms apply at this office.

We beg to apologise for not announcing Mr. M. V. Callum as a candidate for commissioner of precinct No. one, and Justice of the peace precinct No. one, as he gave us the announcement a couple of weeks ago, and the same was left out by oversight. We have had mere rain.

County Scrip bought by Lomax & Jones.

Haskell county has more candidates than any other county in the state, when a voter in the county has business in town he comes in at night for fear the candidates will catch him and make him "set em up."

Have sold the Bucks I expected to bring to this place, and will not have any for sale.

Respectfully Oscar Martin.

The facts of the shooting affair have been very complicated. Sharp says he only shot seven times and the empty shells he had when he surrendered bears him out, but after interviewing the posse individually and taking down the number of shots he fired at each one we have it he shot 49 times.

It is very likely that as he was a fine marksman which was known to the posse, that those who counted the shots were a little excited at the time and should not be held responsible for any little mistake of the kind.

Wanted 100 Dollars in county Scrip.

Lomax & Jones.
Mess. Walter Scott and Jas. Baily were in town this week.

Mr. D. F. Williamson and brother were in town this week. We had to get up the other morning and scare the wolves out of the yard, they are getting very cheaky.

NOTICE

The books accounts and notes Wm. Harvey and son have been placed in our hands for final settlement. All parties indebted to said firm either by note or by account, are requested to come forward and settle same.

Lomax & Jones.

Election day is drawing near and the canvass waxes warm. Every thing that the doubting candidates can get to make stock of, is a treasure to him, he goes around discussing his poor fallible opinions, and holding himself up to the people in the best he can, assuring the people that he will never be guilty of the same offense, but as to other candidates he is strictly non committal.

The question of leasing the county school lands is open for discussion. We would like to have the people in the county write to the FREE PRESS expressing their views on the subject.

It is our object to make the FREE PRESS the servant of the whole of the people.

The entire work is about over. Mrs. Berryhill has gone to meet her husband.

Mr. Berryhill and Mrs. Berryhill are fine interainers.

The young people had a splendid evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. McDowell's last week. Mr. and Mrs. McDowell are fine interainers.

We are informed by Mr. Wasop that there will be ripening here next spring to thresh the wheat crop.

Every body is busy sewing wheat.

HASKELL COUNTY AFFAIRS.

To the Hon. Judge of this the 35th Judicial District.

We the undersigned committee appointed at the Oct. term of

District court of Haskell county to examine into the affairs of said county and report to the next regular term of District court, beg leave to submit the follow.

We have carefully examined all the books kept by the county officers and find the same in all material matters correct, but would respectfully call attention to the fact that the county Surveyor has not kept in his office a county map as required by art. 3346 of the Revised Civil Statute.

Nor made report of inclosed School Lands in accordance with requirements of Section 2 chapter 92 Acts of 1879.

We find that the county Attorney has not kept a register of his official acts &c as required by article 258 R. C. S.

Nor has he kept posted in his office a list of fees allowed him in his Capacity as Notary Public.

We find that the commissioners court have ordered warrants drawn on the Treasury where no claims have been presented in writing, and would suggest that in future all parties having claims against the county be requested to present the same and have them filed with the county clerk for slowance.

With these exceptions we have no material matters to call attention to.

We have examined into the financial condition of the county and beg leave to attach hereto as a part of this report a statement of same, marked exhibit A.

Witness our hands this the 21 day of October 1886.

S. E. Johnson.
W. A. McDowell.
H. G. McCounell.
Committee.

Exhibit A.

Common Fund.

Amount Received, \$81.25
Amount Disbursed, \$531.52
Amount over paid, \$2.27

Jury Fund.

Amount received, \$662.00
Amount disbursed, \$53.00
Bal. treasury, 4.00

Road and bridge Fund.

Amt. received, 24.74
Amt. disbursed, 2179.70
Amt over paid, 2.11

Court house Fund.

Amt. received, 123.474
Amt. disbursed, 1005.11
Bal. in treasury, 8.367

Jail Fund.

Amt. received, 1428.80
Amt. disbursed, 100.880
Amt. of Fund on hand, \$13.00

County indebtedness.

Bonds issued to date 24000.00
Registers Scrip, 1000.00
Total indebtedness 25000.00

Honey in Roof.

From the London Standard.
Two extraordinary takes of honey have just been made in West Surrey. For the last sixteen or eighteen years a colony of bees has taken possession of a niche between the walls of the Hautboy and Fiddle public house at Cokham, near Ripley. The outer wall of the building are about three feet in thickness, and the bees made choice of their store house at the very top of the building, which in three stories high, is a solid wall and landlady, with the exception of a window about the year 1860, had never been opened since that time. A diligent search was made one morning under the roof of the house, and a piece of comb was found immediately below the slates, but in such a position that it could not be reached. Mr. Smith, the landlord, then descended to the bedroom, and with a nail and hammer removed a number of bricks from the wall, where the whole stock of bees was found. More than two feet square of the wall had to be removed, and a wonderful sight presented itself. A mass of comb, about two feet in thickness, and filled with honey, was exposed. The bees were fumigated, after which large pieces of honey were cut out, and after the wall was filled with a total quantity of about 120 pounds. The bricks have not been put into the wall again, but a glass pane has been inserted, so that any one interested in bee culture may have a view of the bees at any time.

The honey has been assigned at auction to J. H. Bromley, the seat of the late J. H. Bromley, the seat of the late J. H. Bromley.

Some men were sent to dig some bees which had got between the ceiling of the coach house and the garret. They succeeded in taking 800 pounds of honey. The bees had been engaged in their novel place several years. It was a very interesting sight to see the way in which they had worked.

BEEF MARKET.

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B. M. KEGANS.

DOMESTIC HINTS.

CONDENSED MILK.
One cup of butter, two cups of sugar, well worked together; one cup of milk, three and two thirds cups of flour, a tablespoonful of ginger, two eggs; use tin sheets, cool, and rubbed with butter; place one tablespoonful of mixture on tin and spread as thin as possible with a thin-bladed knife; bake in a well but not overheated oven; cut on the tin into any shape desired; remove at once from tin, and it will very soon become crisp; keep in a dry place.

MELTED BUTTER.
This being the basis of many sauces, its preparation is important. Put into a small saucepan two ounces of soft, fresh butter and a large tablespoonful of flour. Mix these well together, while cold, with a wooden spoon, and then add about half a pint of cold water, nearly a teaspoonful of salt and a little white pepper. Set this over the fire and stir it continually until nearly boiling. The ingredients ought to be perfectly blended; but the butter, from bad quality or other cause, will frequently float as oil on the surface. This imperfection may be partially remedied by adding a very little cold water, and then pouring the mass quickly from the saucepan into a basin and back again several times. When prepared for other sauces less water may be used if the flavoring additions are fluid, and rather more where there is, as in egg sauce, have a thickening tendency. Acids, when mixed with melted butter, being apt to make it "roll," must be well stirred in. When a light colored sauce is required, milk may be substituted for water, in the melted butter.

PRESERVING PINEAPPLES.

Take six large, fine ripe pineapples, make them very clean, but do not pare off the rind or cut off the leaves. Put them whole into a very large and very clean pot or kettle. Fill it up with cold water, and boil the pineapples until they are so tender that you can penetrate them all through with a twig from a broom. Then take them out and drain them. When cool enough to handle without inconvenience remove the leaves and pare off the rind. The rind and leaves being left on while boiling will keep in the flavor of the pineapple. Cut the pineapples into round slices about half an inch thick, extracting the core from the center, so as to leave a round hole in the middle of every slice. Weigh them, and to each pound allow a pound of fine granulated sugar. On this place a layer of pineapple slices, then a layer of sugar, then one slice of pineapple and so on until the pineapple slices are all covered, finishing with a layer of sugar. Let them stand twenty-four hours. Then drain the slices from the syrup and lay them in wide jars. Put the syrup into the preserving kettle and heat and skim until the scum ceases to rise. Then pour it hot upon the pineapple. While still warm cover the jars closely and paste paper over them.

STEWED CHICKEN WITH RICE.

Cut the remnants of cold boiled or roasted chicken in small pieces. Make a sauce of one pint of cream, two ounces of butter, the yolk of one egg, beaten, and a tablespoonful of corn-starch or arrowroot, seasoned with salt, and white pepper, a little sugar, one teaspoonful of anchovy sauce and one bay leaf. Put the pieces of chicken in this sauce in a stewpan and simmer for half an hour. Stew some rice quite soft in milk, seasoning with salt and pepper. Put the chicken in the center of a dish, place the rice around it as a border and serve.

BAKED TOMATOES.

Dip some tomatoes in hot water, peel them, cut them in half and remove the pips. Rub a baking sheet with shallow butter it well and lay the tomatoes in it, filling each half with the following composition: Two parts bread crumbs, one part ham finely minced, and, according to taste, parsley and sweet herbs also finely minced, and pepper and salt. Put a small piece of butter on each half tomato, and bake them a quarter of an hour. Have ready some round pieces of butter, toast.

The Course of Time.

It was a breach of promise case. It was shown in evidence that he had left a bit of paper in a book he loaned her to read, on which he had written, "I will marry you."
"What have you to say?" asked the judge.
"I admit that I wrote it," said the defendant, "but will the judge please consider the title of the book?"
The judge read, "Folleck's Course of Time."
"Exactly, Judge," said the defendant. "I meant to say, 'I will marry you in the course of time.' I intend to do it too, but, Judge, I ain't quite ready."
The judge adjourned the case to give him more time. - Texas Bulletin.

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